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From the Washington City Gazette.

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"In the hearts of us all," says Mr. A., upon every deliberation, whether in congress, in the state legislatures, on the election grounds, or in the public journals, the result to be aimed at by all should be peace, harmony, union, freedom."

This is precisely what Junius calls the cant of affected moderation.

Will any man, not conversant in our political history, credit that the John Quincy Adams who wrote the passage quoted, is the same John Quincy Adams who reviled Thomas Jefferson and his principles, adhered to the federal party whilst they had any thing to give him, apostatized in appearance for what the Republicans would bestow, and now preaches up "peace, harmony, union, freedom," when he finds that is the doctrine by which he is likely to get any thing further? Yes! Let every one believe it. It is the same man, whose pamphlet on the negotiations at Ghent is remarkable for rancor, whose letter in answer to Mr. Clay's is sneering and presumptuous, and whose whole political life has been marked by tergiversation. It is the same man: and if there be left in this nation sufficient intelligence and spirit to discover and spurn at hypocrisy, cunning, and time-serving, as we know there is, this same John Quincy Adams will, on the 4th of March, 1823, be found on his way to Braintree, or, according to his newly coined flattery of Mr. Jefferson, *Montezello*, to pore among books, like a monk, for which nature has fitted him, rather than for the situation of an eminent, able, and upright statesman.

#### Another Piracy.

The brig Sarah, Captain Stinchcomb, of Montego Bay, Jam. which arrived here on Saturday morning from that port, was boarded, December 14th, off Cape Antonio, by a piratical schooner mounting 2 guns, 1 on a pivot and manned by about 80 pirates, who robbed the captain of all his money and clothing; the vessel of her jolly boat, running rigging, log lines, charts, compasses, spy glasses, navigation books, carpenter's tools, candles, and in fact of every thing they could lay their hands on. Captain S. was ordered on board the pirate, where he was thrown down into the hold. The pirates who boarded the Sarah, ordered the mate to inform them where the money was concealed, or they would stand in for Cape Antonio, and burn the vessel and crew. Being told there was no money on board, they broke a sword over his head, hung him up by the neck, and then threw him into the cabin. They then endeavored to extort information of money on board from the crew, all of whom were severely beaten and bruised; and one of them remains ill of his wounds. Capt. S. after remaining some time in the hold of the pirates, was called on deck, and after assuring them there was no money on board, was hung up by the neck until they supposed him dead, and has severe cuts in his right hand and other places. One of the men had 3 cutlasses broken over his back, and was also hung up. On parting with the pirates, they told him they should keep a good look out for the schooner Macdonough, Ryan, of and for this port, which was to sail from Montego Bay 10 days after the Sarah. Dec. 19, lat. 23, 44, long. 83, the Sarah spoke the British frigate Nieman, from Jamaica bound to Halifax, having under convey several vessels.

OGDENBURGH, Dec. 31.

**Most Horrid and Unnatural Murder.**—It is our painful duty this week to record one of the most diabolical and inhuman acts that has ever come to our knowledge—the cool and deliberate murder by a father, of two of his children. The horrid act was committed by a man named William Kirby, an Irishman by birth, but who had been for several years in the United States. He has for five or six months been a labourer in this village; about three weeks since his wife came here to join him, with her three children, two of which were the children of a former husband. On Thursday morning last, about ten o'clock, Kirby led two of the children to the bridge which crosses the Owegatchie at this place, and deliberately threw them from the bridge into the water, where the little victims to his inhumanity were soon at rest, being seen to struggle for an instant, and then to disappear. The shocking scene was witnessed by two or three persons in the village. One of the children, a little girl of two years and six months, was his own child—the other, a boy, about four years and six months old, was his wife's child. The most diligent search has been made for the bodies but up to this time without success. Kirby immediately proceeded to a magistrate, stated the crime of which he had been guilty, and surrendered himself to justice. In the afternoon he underwent an examination, at which he fully confessed the

fact of the murder; and assigned as his only reason, that his object was to render the children happy, by translating them from a world of care and trouble to the regions of bliss; and expressed his full confidence in having effected his purpose. Apparently on all subjects, he was perfectly sane; and evinced the same coolness and unconcern when questioned as to the murder, that he did in relation to any other circumstance. But we forbear, as he is to be tried by a jury of the country, we wish not to bias public opinion on the subject. We understand that since his confinement he has expressed the most sincere regret for what he had done.

The following is the substance of the examination before the magistrate:

"Kirby says he has had it in contemplation to destroy the children for about a week past—the children had given him no offence; he was actuated to the deed because he believed it better for the children to go into eternity than to stop in this world; he was educated a Christian, believes in the Gospels, but belongs to no religious persuasion; his parents were Roman Catholics; the children had been baptized by a Roman Catholic priest about two years since; he intended to have destroyed himself with the children, but the thought struck him that suspicions might rest upon his wife, and he then determined to stay, to prevent any unfavorable imputations being cast upon her. He is an Irishman by birth, and has been about five years in the United States; he has for the last six months intended to destroy himself; his object in destroying the children was not to rid himself of an incumbrance, he having found no difficulty in supporting them; he believes he should have been happy in the world to come, if he had thrown himself into the river after the children, and been drowned."

(St. Lawrence Gazette.)

**The Greeks.**—The Boston Patriot states, that from verbal information received from Capt. Very, of the barque Aurelia, from Malaga, that the Greeks have a fleet of 62 sail, cruising in the Archipelago, but they were in want of ammunition, and were deficient in field pieces, provisions and officers. The Turkish fleet, consisting of 8 line of battle ships, 10 frigates, and a number of small vessels, in all 84, were at Patras.

The skill and address of the Greeks, the swiftness of their vessels, and the excellence of their seamen, have given them hitherto a superiority over their Turkish enemies; but if they do not obtain some assistance their prospects will be gloomy. Much is expected from the Congress of Verona; if they decide to abandon the Greeks their cause will be hopeless.

Nat. Advocate.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 3, 1823.

**Bank Notes Found.** A quantity of genuine bank notes was lately found by George Millegan, concealed at a stable on the post road; leading from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, about seven miles west of Harrisburg.

This property is placed for safe keeping at the Harrisburg bank, where the owner may have it by establishing his right to the same, paying the trifling expense that has been incurred, and rewarding the virtuous services of those who found and preserved the money for the unfortunate owner.

Crime is evidently connected with this mysterious transaction; it is therefore considered due to justice that printers in different parts of the United States, but especially in Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, give this publication a few insertions in their newspapers gratis.

Summary prepared for the Columbia Observer.

Mr. Matthews, the celebrated comedian, is now playing in Boston, and attracts such full houses that the box tickets have been sold at auction, and produced \$236 50 more than their stated price.

A profit of 2400 dollars was realized in the last year from the Penitentiary of the state of Georgia.

Joshua Huss, a young man from Lancaster county, who resided in the Borough of Wilmington, Del. committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

The South Carolina Legislature adjourned on the 21st ult. They have altered their system of Internal Improvement by abolishing the board of Public Works and appointing a superintendent of Public Works. (The reasons of this change we have not seen explained.) 200 000 dollars appropriated for this years expenditure. Abraham Blandin appointed Superintendent of Public Works, and J. E. Melcer Commissioner of Public Works.

Mr. Southey is about to publish a new poem entitled a "Tale of Paraguay."

By the election returns, we learn, that Lewis Desart, has been elected a senator for the district composed of the counties of Northumberland and Union, in the room of Andrew Albright, deceased, by a majority of 133 over Mr. Middlewarth, who was his strongest opponent. Mr. Bradford, who was the candidate selected by the conference, appears to have received but a slender support.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst. the commissioners of the incorporated District of the Northern Liberties elected John Taylor, John Child, Jacob Justice, George Goodman, Joseph Warner, and Thomas Bacon, directors of the public schools for the ensuing year.

Sentinel.

A meeting has been called in Norristown, Montgomery county, on the 20th inst. to adopt measures preparatory to the nomination of a Governor of this Commonwealth.

On the 3d inst. Peter Rambo and Nathan Miller attempted to cross the river Schuylkill opposite the borough of Norristown on the ice, but unfortunately the ice gave way and both went into the water eight or ten feet deep. Assistance arrived in time to save Miller but Rambo was drowned.

Miss Martha N. Fields, a young lady of about 6 or 17 years of age, drowned herself at Norfolk on the morning of the 26th ult.—The loss of several of her family by death and the protracted absence of a beloved brother, occasioned a depression of spirits that led to the fatal deed.

The Baptist meeting house, in Russel, Ms. was destroyed by fire on Friday morning last. Suspicions are entertained that Abel F. Andrews, was concerned in its destruction; he is

bound over for trial in March next, and is now in prison in Springfield.

An *American Grass Bonnet*, made by Mrs. Wells and her sister, is now exhibited in New York, and is said to surpass any of the kind yet presented to the public.

The board of Managers of the American Bible Society, held their first meeting on the 2d inst. in the building lately erected in N. York by that Society. The Rev. Dr. Milner delivered an Address.

#### APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR.

John Goodman, Esq. of the Northern Liberties, Prothonotary of the District Court for the city and county of Philadelphia.  
William Minor to be an alderman for the city of Philadelphia.

#### Died

Last evening, Mrs. Maria Staughton, wife of the Rev. Dr. Staughton. The friends of the family are requested to attend her funeral to-morrow afternoon; the funeral will move immediately after divine worship.

On Thursday, 9th inst. after a short but painful illness, Martha Allen, widow of the late Robert Allen, in the 39th year of her age. Her relatives and friends are particularly invited to attend her funeral from her late residence, No. 156, South Sixth street, on Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Suddenly, on Saturday afternoon last, in the 39th year of his age, Mr. Edward Whiteley, Printer, late publisher of the Directory of the city of Philadelphia.

On Monday morning, the 23d ult. Abraham Shultz, Esq. of Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, (Pa.) aged 76 years.

On Tuesday evening last after a short illness, Mr. William Davidson, aged twenty six years.

On Tuesday evening last, John J. Wilson, eldest son of the late Motheral Wilson.

#### Port of Philadelphia.

##### MEMORANDA.

The packet ship Philadelphia, Bowen, was at Liverpool, Nov. 29, ready for sea.  
At New Castle, sch. Collector, Hall, and a brig from New York, supposed the Maria Elizabeth.

Ship Unicorn, McKee, leave at Liverpool, in 22 days.

Ship Orleans, Grover, hence at N. Orleans.

Arrived at Baltimore, brig Hyperion, Gardner, 45 days from Liverpool. The N. Y. packet ship James Moore, sailed for N. York, 16th Nov.

NEW YORK Jan. 10. Cleared ships Lewis, Skiddy, Havre; Illinois, Funk, Liverpool, brig Joseph, McKenzie, St. Thomas and St. Croix.

Arrived, ship Ellen, Miner of Philad. from N. Orleans, 16 days from the Balise, with cotton, tobacco, flour, hides, logwood, &c. Sailed from the Balise with schrs. Hannah and Elizabeth, Taylor, of Philad. for Madeira, and Emeline, Wheaton, for Philadelphia, brig Delta, for Demara.

Brig Charlotte Corday, Russell, 20 days from Demara, with molasses and rum.

Brig Nestor, Whitney from St. Petersburg and 80 ds. from Elsinore, with iron, hemp, &c.

Schr. Retriever, Theobald, 32 days from Aux Cayes, with coffee, logwood, &c.

Haytien schr. Pacification, Gourjon, 14 days from Jacmel, with logwood, &c. Left to Am. vessels.

Brig Superb, Burr, 19 days from Port Spain, Trinidad, with rum, sugar, and molasses, to B. Aymer & Co. and the master. Left brig Underhill, Clark, New Haven and.

##### BELOW.

Packet ship James Moore, Marshall, from Liverpool, was to sail on the 16th of Nov. with dry goods, hardware, &c. to Wright and Son, F. Thompson and others.

Brig Fauny, Packard, from N. Orleans, with cotton to J. W. Russell.

Sailed this morning, ships Belle, Wilbur, New-Orleans; Franklin, Monroe, Charleston; brig Day, Bort, Gibraltar and Leghorn; Joseph, McKenzie, St. Thomas, La Sophia, Dussere, Bordeaux; Active, Noble, Curacao; Catherine-Rogers, Harris, Mobile, Kolla; Orleans, Brown, South America; Houtreux, Griffing, Savannah; schrs. Tainworth, Hamor, Cadiz, and Louisa.

#### LELAND'S DEMOSTHENES,

2 vols. 8vo.

Meikle's Loxia, 2 vols. 8vo.

Copper's Homer, 4 vols. 8vo.

Gyldenst's Commentaries on Classical Learning 1 vol. 8vo.

Barron's Lectures, Belles Lettres and Logic, 2 vols. 8vo.

Gifford's Juvenal, 2 vols. 8vo.

Tooke's Division of Poetry, 2 vols. 8vo.

Murphy's Tacitus, 6 vols. 8vo.

Beasley on the Science of the Human Mind, 1 vol. 8vo.

Beautiful Pocket Editions of Virgil, Terence, Horace, Juvenal and Persius, Claudian, Lucian, &c.

Just received and for Sale by S. POTTER & Co.

Booksellers and Stationers, No. 87, Chestnut street.

Where may be had, Books in every department of Literature and Science, on the most liberal terms.

Jan. 11, 1823.

By Thomas Passmore, & Co.

AUCTIONEERS,

North-east corner of Third and Chestnut streets.

#### Hardware.

THIS EVENING.

At the N. E. corner of Chestnut and Third streets, in the large room down stairs, will be sold.

A large and general assortment of Hardware, Cutlery, and Fancy Goods, &c. viz. curry combs, English wagon boxes, steeledays, shovels and tongs, iron, brass and plated candlesticks, snuffers, common and cast steel awl blades, shoe tacks, shoe hammers, shoe pinners, and shoe uppers, shoe knives, butcher knives, knives and forks, pen and pocket knives, barlow knives, childrens knives, 2, 4 and 6 blade knives, plane irons, chisels, files and rasps, saws, razors, sciss, tenon, hand and panel saws, slates and pencils, shaving boxes, ink powder, lead pencils, jews'harps, marbles, toy watches, bridges, steel watch chains, double and single barrel guns, segars, whips and whip thongs, waiters, reticles, looking glasses, &c.

Medical, Law, Classical, Miscellaneous and School Books.

THIS EVENING,

An extensive collection of Books, embracing a general assortment.

Stationary, Blanks, &c.

By order of auctioneers.

THIS EVENING.

An invoice consisting of day books, ledgers, receipt books and memorandum books, ink stands and sand boxes, visiting cards, cap and post paper, quills, pencils, red ink and ink powder, boxes of colours, backgammon boards, slates, pocket books, &c. Also, 700 toy books assorted, Rippon's Hymns, Comly's Grammar and Spelling Book, Murray's Sequel, Reader and Grammar, Arithmetic, Dictionary, and other school books.

Dry Goods.

On Tuesday.

At 5 o'clock, at the auction store.

A general assortment of seasonable dry goods.

Jan. 11, 1823.

#### By T. B. Freeman & Son.

The regular sale of Books, in future, will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings.

No 1893 Freeman's Public Sales.

On Monday the 20th January, at half past 10 o'clock, will be sold on the premises, No. 209 Chestnut street,

All the entire stock in trade of the late John Mellish, comprising a valuable collection of Engraved Copper Plates, with the copy rights and impressions from the said plates; embracing,

6 Plates of the Map of the U. States.

12 Small Plates for the descriptive volume.

4 do. do. do. (superceded)

4 Plates of the Map of the World.

2 small Plates for the descriptive volume.

4 Plates for Traveller's Directory, viz.

Map of the United States.

Do. Northern Section of do.

Do. Southern Do. of do.

Do. Diagram do.

11 Plates for the General and School Atlas.

8 Do. of different States, viz. Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana,

6 Plates of Counties of Pennsylvania, viz. Philadelphia, Montgomery, Dauphin, Lebanon, Huntingdon, Somerset and Luzerne.

7 Plates for Military Atlas.

1 do. Chart of the Atlantic Ocean.

1 do. part of the American Coast.

1 do. United States, (Geological.)

1 do. Pilgrim's Progress.

4 Plates Map of Georgia.

1 do. do. of Ohio.

2 do. old map of do.

1 do. for Map of Bucks County, Penn.

Also, Stock of Maps on hand, mounted, and in sheets.

Also, Description of the U. States, to accompany the large Map, partly bound and partly in sheets.

Description of the World. do. do.

Traveller's Directory, do. do.

School Geography, do. do.

Advice to emigrants, do. do.

A valuable assortment of Books.

An Assortment of Sea Charts.

Printing Presses and materials for printing.

Materials for preparing and mounting Maps.

Stock of Paper of various sizes, vellum and Bank.

Mathematical Instruments, Globes, &c. &c.

No. 1957 Freeman's Public Sales.

Household Furniture.

On the 24th inst. at half past 10 o'clock in the morning, will be sold on the premises, No. 209, Chestnut street,

All the neat Household Furniture of John Mellish, deceased, comprising Side Board, Breakfast and dining Tables, Chairs, Carpets, Bedsteads, Beds and Bedding, with a variety of other articles, not enumerated as well as the Kitchen Furniture.

AUCTION MART,

Corner of Seventh and Chestnut Street.

Public Sales of New and Second-hand Furniture,

Will be held at the above place, every Wednesday and Saturday morning, at half past ten o'clock.

Families who are desirous of disposing of secondhand furniture, and replacing it with new, in the immediate fashion, will have an opportunity of doing it to advantage by attending the above sales. A very large and commodious room, formerly occupied as a Ball Room, has been appropriated for the convenience of exhibiting the goods to advantage, and at the same time giving an accommodation to purchasers, without subjecting them to the inconvenience of being crowded, as is generally the case in furniture sales at the dwelling houses of the owners.

No exertion will be wanting on the part of the subscribers, to give satisfaction to both buyer and seller. As the transactions of their establishment will be conducted for ready money, prompt payment and moderate charges will be made on the removal of the goods, to the owners thereof.

Blinds.

The public are respectfully informed, that they may be supplied with an extensive assortment of Feather Beds, warranted of the best cleaned Feather, also Mattresses of the best curled hair, and Venetian Blinds of different sizes.

N. B. The Beds and Mattresses are covered with the best water proof Ticking.

All the above articles can be depended upon, and will be sold either by quantity or retail, much under the usual charges for ready money.

AT PRIVATE SALE.

A large assortment of Ladies' Reticles and Children's Pocket Books, rich French gilt China, &c. &c.

N. B. The above goods will be ready for examination this afternoon.

T. B. Freeman & Son,

Auctioneers.

By Titon Grelaud,

No. 51, NORTH FRONT STREET.

Book Sale.

ON MONDAY EVENING.

MAPS.—6 large Maps of the U. States, by Lewis; 6 do. of Europe; 3 do. of America; 6 do. of Pennsylvania, large; 3 do. small do.

QUILLS.—10 M fine quality English quills; 30 M Russia quills.

Letter Paper and Blank Books.

ON FRIDAY EVENING.

The 17th inst. at the auction store.

100 reams quarto post paper, No. 1; 2 cases blank books, containing 39 legers, 126 day books, 136 blank books, 11 bill books, 214 doz. cap books, ruled and sewed.

#### JOHN BIOREN, PRINTER AND BOOKSELLER.

Has removed from No. 72, South Second street, to 75, nearly opposite, where he solicits a portion of the public favour.

J. B. has just published,

*An Act for the Regulation of the Militia of this Commonwealth,*

With Notes and References, passed the 2d of April, 1822.

Also, Policies of Insurance, Prices Currents, Circular Letters, Cards, Handbills, and Printing generally executed in the best manner, shortest notice, and on moderate terms.

Also, for sale as above, a variety of Custom House and other Blanks.

Also, a few copies of the Pamphlet Laws of the last Session of the Legislature.

Jan. 11—8t

10 Dollars Reward.

Runaway from the subscriber, an indentured servant boy named JOSEPH HEISTER, about 18 years of age, stout made; he took with him a complete new suit of clothes, several shirts and other articles of clothing.

All persons are forbidden harboring the said apprentice. Any person bringing him home to the subscriber shall receive the above reward.

T. B. Freeman.

Jan. 9—6t.

Blair's Grammar of Philosophy.

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE

By W. W. WOODWARD,

South-west corner of Chestnut and Second streets.

A New and Improved Edition of

A GRAMMAR OF

Natural & Experimental Philosophy.

By the Rev. David Blair.

With one hundred Engravings on Wood.

Jan. 9—6t.

New English Books.

Just received per ship Lancaster the following new Books, and for sale by

ABRAHAM SMALL,

No. 165, Chestnut Street.

Barnet's History of the Reformation, 6 vols.

Dr. Paley's Works, 4 vols. miniature ed.

Jamison's Elements of Science and Art, new ed.

Goldsmith's Animated Nature, 6 vols. do.

Murray's Discoveries in Africa, 2 vols.

Cudworth's Intellectual System

Austen's British Poets, 1 vol. 8vo.

Memoirs of Sir Samuel Romilly, 2 vols.

Memoirs of Oliver Cromwell, 2 vols.

Male Brer's System of Geography



## To the Editors.

Gentlemen,—The British newspapers inform us that the Greenland Whale Fishery has been very unproductive this year, owing to a superabundance of ice in the Greenland Sea. The most plausible reasoning that occurs to me, relative to this circumstance, is as follows: The unusual quantity of ice now found in the sea between Spitzbergen, the North Cape, and Greenland, is most probably owing to the excessive rains this year, in the concave temperate regions, producing great floods in the rivers, and bringing down from the interior lakes, inland seas, and straits, all the ice accumulated on their surface, discharging it into the Spitzbergen sea, which sea, being overflowed with the surplus water thus poured into it, carried the ice onwards to the Greenland sea, to the great annoyance of the fishermen. Why the rain in the northern concave hemisphere should be unusually great this year, may be owing to the same cause, whatever that cause may be, which has at the same time produced an unusual quantity here.

There is another circumstance, which has probably made the ice more annoying to the fishing vessels than common, viz.: It was announced last summer, in the Copenhagen Gazette, that the winter at Iceland, last past, was unusually severe, in proportion to other winters; whilst the winter in the rest of Europe, less high north, was milder than usual. Now, if Iceland is close under the verge, as I describe it to be in my map published in September last, it follows that all that side of the concave regions under Europe, must have had a severe winter, in correspondence with that of Iceland; and therefore more and thicker ice than common must have been formed.

The principal fact on which I founded my conjecture, (stated in my map,) that the inner winters are coldest when ours are warmest, (at least on any given side of a hemisphere,) was, in addition to the above mentioned fact, certain information derived from the settlers on Greenland, (which is also on my map, located within the verge,) who say that they always have their hardest winters when we have our mildest; also information derived from fishermen, who say that when the winter is mild in England, they are sure to find a superabundance of ice in the northern seas.

All the preceding statements being admitted, it follows that the coming winter will afford a favourable time for a steam vessel to penetrate, by the way of Spitzbergen, up some principal river heading in the inner temperate zones; because as this appears to be a rainy year, the rivers may be expected to keep unusually high; and as the straits and wider parts of the river have been well cleared out by a high spring flood, large channels will be likely to be kept open all this winter, especially when it is considered that the well replenished rivers will be flowing from a tropical region, and probably with a brisk current.

The worst to be apprehended is, that the ice accumulated this summer between Spitzbergen and Greenland may not be sufficiently melted or drifted south, to afford a free passage between Greenland and Spitzbergen; but I think there is little risk on that score, as the Russian hunters say the sea is entirely open all winter quite across the north end of Spitzbergen and Greenland.

As my theory is now well matured, and the above stated reasonable occurrence of favourable circumstances invite to immediate enterprise; and a suitable steam ship is afloat on the sea, (the Robert Fulton\*) what is to prevent an exploring expedition from departing under favourable auspices this winter? I believe there is nothing to prevent but the want of a general concurrence of public opinion favourable to my theory. The nation is now at peace, and every part is calm; our resources are improving; our citizens are generally enterprising, and other nations evidently expect from us something signal. Shall we not now be roused to some noble enterprise, something that shall keep national spirit awake? Will not our agriculturists, our merchants and mechanics, join hand in hand in calling loudly for an expedition worthy of the nation, and worthy the occasion?

Respectfully,  
JOHN CLEVELAND SYMMES.

Newport, Nov. 6, 1822.

\* If it be doubted whether a sufficiency of fuel could be carried to answer until wood could be found, steam or sail tenders might accompany the steam ship a part of the way, to replenish it with wood and coals, and the ship should have masts and sails to use as a dernier resort. It is a pretty clear point that there can be no floating ice to be encountered in winter, as what remains in autumn will melt to one or the other shore.

J. C. S.

Police.—Raymond, one of our Police Officers, has again signified himself, as will be seen by the following. A few days since a complaint was lodged at the Police Office against J—D—G—, a man whom it was supposed bore a good character, as a merchant at Esopus or Kingston, in the county of Ulster, for having obtained goods to a considerable amount, from merchants in this city, under false pretences. It appeared from the account received at the office, that he represented himself as another person, well known in that county and this city, and made references to merchants here, who knew the man well, and would have given him a credit to any amount. This stratagem had the desired effect, and goods to a large amount were obtained. It was further represented to the Police, that the rogue had made use of the name of the same person, and obtained a considerable sum of money from the Catskill Bank. This affair, it was also said, had been hushed up in some way, to the satisfaction of the Bank. Testimony was also made before the police against him for forgery, on which a process was granted to take him; in the execution of which, some difficulties were experienced by Raymond, who was dispatched on mission, as by some means intelligence was conveyed, of the disclosure, and of the approach of the police.

that lying before a place that had a palisado to be burnt, he promised any one who should carry it by a coup de main. The danger was so apparent, that the reward did not tempt any one. "Sir," said a soldier, more courageous than the rest, "I will relinquish the fifty louis that you promise if your highness will make me sergeant of my company." The Prince, pleased with the generosity of the soldier, who preferred honour to money, promised him both. Animated by the reward that awaited his return, he resolved to gain it, or die a glorious death. He took a flambeau, descended into the ditch, reached the palisado, and set it on fire, in the midst of a shower of musketry, by which he was slightly wounded. All the army witnesses of this action, seeing him return cheered him and heaped on him loud praises, when he perceived that he had lost one of his pistols. A soldier offered him others—"No," said he, "I will never be reproached that these rascals got my pistol." He went to the ditch again, exposed himself to an hundred discharges of musketry, regained his pistol, and returned in safety."

The following petition from PETER HARRIS, one of the Catawba tribe of Indians, was presented a few days ago, in the South Carolina legislature.

## To the Councils of South Carolina:

I am one of the lingering embers of an almost extinguished race—our graves will soon be our habitations. I am one of the few stalks that still remain in the field, when the tempest of the revolution is past. I fought against the British for your sake—the British have disappeared, and you are free: yet, from me, the British took nothing—nor have I gained any thing by their defeat. I pursue the deer for my subsistence—the deer are disappearing, and I must starve. God ordained me for the forest, and my habitation is the shade—but the strength of my arm decays, and my feet fail in the chase. The hand which fought for your liberty, is now open for your relief. In my youth I bled in battle that you might be independent—let not my heart, in my old age, bleed for the want of your commiseration.

(Signed)

PETER HARRIS.

On the 4th inst. a meeting of the citizens of Pittsburgh, was to be held at Dailey's Hotel, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor; and on the 7th, the citizens of Bedford were to hold a meeting with the same object in view. No advice have as yet been received as to the result of either meeting.

On the 28th ult. a meeting, was held in Greensburgh, Westmoreland county, of which Dr David Marchand, was chairman, and Alexander Johnston, secretary, at which meeting, among others, the following resolutions were passed.

Resolved, That among the many distinguished citizens who are candidates for the presidency, General Andrew Jackson presents the strongest claims to our confidence, whether regarded as the soldier of the revolution, the hero of the late war, a tried public servant, or an incorrupt republican; and that national gratitude, as well as the public interest, demand for him the suffrages of a community of freemen: And we, as citizens of the United States, pledge ourselves to use every honorable exertion to promote his election.

Resolved, That we consider congressional caucuses for the nomination of a candidate for the presidency, as anti-republican in principle and deleterious in tendency, being a departure from the constitution: promotive of intrigue and corruption, and, by forestalling public opinion, an usurpation of the rights of the citizens, in whom alone the elective franchise is vested.

From the Miavra.

## TO DESPONDENCE.

Oh, heavily I feel thy chain!  
And by its galling links oppress'd,  
I cannot ease the aching pain,  
That seems to bind my swelling breast  
Yet patient, I must wear the bond,  
That palsies all my energies;  
And passive wait, of slavery fond,  
Till rapture's hour shall set me free.

Oh, ne'er for me Contentment beams!  
With radiance steady and serene,  
As moonlight o'er the landscape gleams,  
Veiling with silvery haze the scene.  
Such gentle influence has no power  
My jarring spirits to attune;  
Alas! I find my hapless dowry,  
Despondence' night, or rapture's noon.

The cheerful play of simple joys,  
That every moment shines the same,  
Which no ambitious thought annoy,  
Which waken neither praise nor blame—  
Was never mine; not such requite  
Those who for high attainment pant,  
Whom great incentives still excite,  
Yet whom each petty ill can damp.

Such toil along, at times resigned,  
While thou, Despondence! reign'st supreme;  
Or burn the fever of the mind,  
And rapture prompts the lofty dream.  
The flapping of the jaded nerve,  
Then ashen in thy care, thy fear;  
Thou wilt not from such order avert,  
But send the ruthless train auster.

Thy livid lips are moist with sighs,  
Thy cheeks are pale, and wan, and cold;

That rapture, with the heaven-ward eye,  
Dissolving in delicious tears,  
Shall bid thy baneful darkness fly,  
While bright her sun renewed appears.  
Then thankful, for the end is kind,  
Thy load of chastisement I'll bear,  
For graciously thou art designed  
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